books, financial assistance to voluntary organisations engaged in development, promotion and propagation of Indian languages etc. the use of languages for purposes of communication between the Union and the States is regulated as per provisions of Article 346 of the Constitution and the Official Languages Act, 1963. According to which the State Governments can correspond with the Central Government either in Hindi or in English language.

Area volunteers in local self-government of Delhi Administration

1488. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the services of about 400 Area Volunteers attached to the Urban Basic Service of the Local Self-Government of Delhi Administration have been terminated ;

(b) whether it is also a fact that those volunteers were doing very useful work as area volunteers in the field of adult education programme and diarrhoea control missions in the jhuggi clusters of Delhi ; and

(c) if so, the reasons for terminating their services ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) to (c) 400 Area Volunteers were engaged under Urban Basic Services Scheme in April, 1989 for three months. They, however, continued to work till 2-5-90 for conducting immunisation campaign etc.

Traffic signals in the Capital

1489. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that a large number of traffic signals in the Capital are out of order ;

(b) what are the reasons that M/s Keltron or the traffic police do not *suo moutto* repair traffic signals ;

(c) whether it is a fact that the traffic police have not advertised any telephone numbers to facilitate lodging of complaints in this regard by citizens; if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the amount presently paid to M/s Keltron for maintenance of traffic signals in Delhi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY) : (a) No, Sir. However, some signals become inoperative due to mechanical failure or low voltage.

(b) Faulty traffic signals are repaired as soon as these come to the notice of M/s. Keltron /Delhi Police.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) During 1989-90, Rs. 12,85, 200/- were paid to M/s. Keltron.

Delhi Gate Electronic Telephone Exchange

1490. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of telephone connections in the Delhi Gate Telephone Exchange of the Capital that have not been connected to the Electronic Exchange commissioned recently ;

(b) what are the reasons for non-conversion of the above telephone numbers as per schedule i. e. April 1990 ; and

(c) by when the work is likely to be completed ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Sir, as on 15-5-90 number of telephone connections which have not yet been transferred to Electronic Exchange in Delhi Gate Group of exchange is 7877.

(b) and(c) These 7877 numbers are from strowger exchange code '26' which is scheduled to be replaced during December, 1990.

Deteriorating Telephone Service in Capital

1491. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that with the start of the summer the telephone service has started deteriorating in the Capital ; if so, what steps Government propose to take in the matter ; and

(b) whether it is also a fact that the functioning of Fault Repair Service is most unsatisfactory; if so what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) and (b) No, Sir.

Increasing the frequency of DTC buses

1492. SHRI DAVID LEDGER: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to increase the frequency of DTC buses on route Nos. 280 and 281 running between Kendriya Terminal-Nand Nagri/Dilshad Garden consequent upon the opening of GTB Hospital and settlement of large population in GTB Enclave and Dilshad Garden colonies of DDA;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce new routes from GTB Hospital to various important areas of the city viz. Kendriya Terminal, New Delhi Railway Station, Connaught Place, etc. to mitigate the sufferings of the commuters to the Hospital ;

(c) whether Government propose to run the route No. 265 running between Kendriya Terminal - Indira Puri *Via* GTB Hospital; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Route No. 280 and 281 are running between Kendriya Terminal and Nand Nagri with a frequency of 20/40 minutes and 24/48 minutes respectively. The present level of these services have been found adequate to meet the traffic requirements of the commuters on these routes. There is no proposal to increase the frequency.

(b) GTB Hospital is already served by route Nos. 24, 31, 239, 251, 252, 252-Shuttle, 280, 357 and 333 connecting various parts of the city. No new route has been proposed.

(c) and (d) Route No. 280 is already connecting GTB Hospital with Kendriya Terminal. Therefore, it is considered not necessary to divert the services of route No. 265 *via* GTB Hospital.

Salary to Delhi Fire Service Employees

1493. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the firemen employed